GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PLENARY MEETING OF INDIA-U.S. CYBER SECURITY FORUM
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a plenary meeting of India-U.S. cyber security forum took place in April, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the decisions taken, if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes. The first meeting of India-U.S. Cyber-Security Forum took place on 29-30 April 2002 in New Delhi.

(b) The two sides recognised that cyber terrorism has emerged as a major economic and security threat and agreed, in this context, to intensify bilateral cooperation to enhance mutual capability for securing their national cyber infrastructure. The Forum has established a programme of activities, including in the areas of institution building and personnel training, exchange of experts, joint research and development, sharing of information and strengthening national and international legal framework for cyber security.